

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as marked up below:

1.(currently amended) A hair trimming apparatus for trimming the distal ends of hair drawn therethrough, comprising:

a body assembly having a handle end and having a head end;

a motor mounted in said body assembly adapted for

communication with an electric power source;

a cutting head assembly positioned upon said head end of

said body assembly, said cutting head assembly having a

face with a retainer cavity formed therein, a rear

wall, a sidewall, and an interior cavity defined by the

area between said face and said rear wall;

a slot in said retainer cavity communicating between said

face and said interior cavity;

an elongated hair retainer mounted to said body assembly at

a first end, said hair retainer dimensioned for

cooperative engagement in said retainer cavity;

said elongated hair retainer having an operating position

cooperatively engaged in said retainer cavity and

having a raised position, substantially disengaged from

said retainer cavity;

means to move said elongated hair retainer between said

raised position and said operating position;

a serpentine path formed between said retainer cavity and
said hair retainer in said operating position, said
serpentine path for drawing hair strands through said
cutting head assembly;

said slot allowing said distal ends of said hair strands
drawn through said serpentine path to momentarily
communicate into said interior cavity; and

means for cutting off portions of said distal ends of said
hair strands;

means to communicate mechanical power from said motor to
said means for cutting off portions of said distal ends
of said hair strands.

2. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in
claim 1 additionally comprising:

said cutting head assembly removably mountable to said head
end; and

means for cooperative engagement of said cutting head
assembly to said head end.

3. (original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 1
additionally comprising:

an aperture formed in said sidewall;

a tray, said tray engageable into said interior cavity
through said aperture to a mounted position;

means to substantially seal said aperture when said tray is in said mounted position; and

said tray having at least one collection cavity positioned to catch said portions cut from the distal ends of said hairs, whereby said portions cut from said distal ends of said hairs are collected in said collection cavity and thereafter may be disposed of by moving said tray from its mounted position and inverting it.

4.(original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 2 additionally comprising:

an aperture formed in said sidewall;

a tray, said tray engageable into said interior cavity through said aperture to a mounted position;

means to substantially seal said aperture when said tray is in said mounted position; and

said tray having at least one collection cavity positioned to catch said portions cut from the distal ends of said hairs, whereby said portions cut from said distal ends of said hairs are collected in said collection cavity and thereafter may be disposed of by moving said tray from its mounted position and inverting it.

5.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 1 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in said ~~rearwall~~ rear wall, said rear aperture providing communication to said interior cavity; and
openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

6.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 2 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in said ~~rearwall~~ rear wall, said rear aperture providing communication to said interior cavity; and
openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

7.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 3 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in said ~~rearwall~~ rear wall, said rear aperture providing communication to said interior cavity; and
openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

8. (Currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 4 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in said ~~rearwall~~ rear wall, said rear aperture providing communication to said interior cavity; and
openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

9. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 2 additionally comprising:

a plurality of cutter blade assemblies each either removably or permanently mountable in said interior cavity;

each of said plurality of cutter blade assemblies configured to cut a defined length of said distal ends of said hair strands whereby ~~said~~ a user may adjust the length of said distal ends removed from said hair strands by changing to another cutter blade assembly from said plurality of cutter blade assemblies.

10. (Currently Amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 4 additionally comprising:

a plurality of cutter blade assemblies each either removably or permanently mountable in said interior cavity;

each of said plurality of cutter blade assemblies configured to cut a defined length of said distal ends of said hair strands whereby ~~said~~ a user may adjust the length of said distal ends removed from said hair strands by changing to another cutter blade assembly from said plurality of cutter blade assemblies.

11.(original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 6 additionally comprising:

a plurality of cutter blade assemblies each either removably or permanently mountable in said interior cavity;

each of said plurality of cutter blade assemblies configured to cut a defined length of said distal ends of said hair strands whereby ~~said a~~ user may adjust the length of said distal ends removed from said hair strands by changing to another cutter blade assembly from said plurality of cutter blade assemblies.

12. (original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 5 additionally comprising:

said rear aperture engageable with one of a plurality of components from a group of engageable components consisting of a hair dryer and a vacuum.

13.(original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 6 additionally comprising:

said rear aperture engageable with one of a plurality of components from a group of engageable components consisting of a hair dryer and a vacuum.

14.(original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 7 additionally comprising:

said rear aperture engageable with one of a plurality of components from a group of engageable components consisting of a hair dryer and a vacuum.

15. (original) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 8 additionally comprising:

said rear aperture engageable with one of a plurality of components from a group of engageable components consisting of a hair dryer and a vacuum.

16.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 1 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a first side edge of said face to a second point substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said face opposite said first side edge;

said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer cavity; and

said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said first point and said second point.

17.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 2 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a first side edge of said face to a second point substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said face opposite said first side edge;

said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer cavity; and

said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said first point and said second point.

18.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 3 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a first side edge of said face to a second point substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said face opposite said first side edge;

said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer cavity; and

said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said first point and said second point.

19. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 4 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a first side edge of said face to a second point substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said face opposite said first side edge;

said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer cavity; and

said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said first point and said second point.

20. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 5 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a first side edge of said face to a second point substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said face opposite said first side edge;

said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape
dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer
cavity; and
said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said
first point and said second point.

21. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in
claim 6 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and
said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped
and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a
first side edge of said face to a second point
substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said
face opposite said first side edge;
said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape
dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer
cavity; and
said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said
first point and said second point.

22. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in
claim 7 additionally comprising:

said retainer cavity communicating between said face and
said interior cavity being substantially arched shaped
and extending from a point substantially adjacent to a

first side edge of said face to a second point
substantially adjacent to a second side edge of said
face opposite said first side edge;
said elongated hair retainer also having arched shape
dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer
cavity; and
said slot positioned substantially equidistant between said
first point and said second point.

23. (currently amended) A hair trimming apparatus for trimming
the distal ends of hair drawn therethrough, comprising:

a body assembly having a handle end and having a head end;
a motor mounted in said body assembly adapted for
communication with an electric power source;
a cutting head assembly positioned upon said head end of
said body assembly, said cutting head assembly having
a face having a plurality of ~~said~~ retainer cavities formed
therein, each of said plurality of said retainer
cavities having a slot therein communicating between
said face and ~~said~~ an interior cavity;
~~said~~ an elongated hair retainer having a plurality of
elongated projections, each of said projections
dimensioned for cooperative engagement in said retainer
cavities;
said elongated hair retainer having an operating position

with said projections cooperatively engaged in said retainer cavities and having a raised position, with said projections substantially disengaged from said retainer cavities;

~~said~~ a serpentine path formed between each of said plurality of retainer cavities and said elongated projections; and

each slot in said plurality of retainer cavities allowing said distal ends of said hair ~~strands~~ drawn through said serpentine path to momentarily communicate into said interior cavity, whereby portions of said distal ends of said hair ~~strands~~ communicate into said interior cavity a plurality of times substantially equal to the number of said plurality of retainer cavities.

24. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 23 additionally comprising:

said cutting head assembly being removably mountable to said head end; and

means for cooperative engagement of said cutting head assembly to said head end.

25. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 23 additionally comprising:

an aperture formed in ~~said~~ a sidewall of said body assembly;
a tray, said tray engageable into said interior cavity
through said aperture to a mounted position;

means to substantially seal said aperture when said tray is
in said mounted position; and

said tray having at least one collection cavity positioned
to catch said portions cut from the distal ends of said ~~hairs~~
hair, whereby said portions cut from said distal ends of said
~~hairs~~ hair are collected in said collection cavity and thereafter
may be disposed of by moving said tray from its mounted position
and inverting it.

26. (currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 24 additionally comprising:

an aperture formed in ~~said~~ a sidewall of said body assembly;
a tray, said tray engageable into said interior cavity
through said aperture to a mounted position;

means to substantially seal said aperture when said tray is
in said mounted position; and

said tray having at least one collection cavity positioned
to catch said portions cut from the distal ends of said ~~hairs~~
hair, whereby said portions cut from said distal ends of said
~~hairs~~ are collected in said collection cavity and thereafter may

be disposed of by moving said tray from its mounted position and inverting it.

27.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 23 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in ~~said~~ a rearwall of said body assembly, said rear aperture providing communication to ~~said~~ an interior cavity; and

openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

28.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 24 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in ~~said~~ a rearwall of said body assembly, said rear aperture providing communication to ~~said~~ an interior cavity; and

openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

29.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 25 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in ~~said~~ a rearwall of said body assembly, said rear aperture providing communication to ~~said~~ an interior cavity; and

openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

30.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 26 additionally comprising:

a rear aperture formed in ~~said~~ a rearwall of said body assembly, said rear aperture providing communication to said interior cavity; and

openable means for sealing said rear aperture.

31.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 1 additionally comprising:

a plurality of splines located on one or a combination of said hair retainer and said face;

gaps formed between said splines; and

said gaps dividing said serpentine ~~pathway~~ path into a plurality of individual serpentine pathways for guiding hair strands through said retainer cavity and said hair retainer.

32.(currently amended) The hair trimming apparatus as defined in claim 23 additionally comprising:

a plurality of splines located on one or a combination of said hair retainer and said face;

gaps formed between said splines; and

said gaps dividing said serpentine ~~pathway~~ path into a plurality of individual serpentine pathways for guiding hair strands through said plurality of retainer cavities and said hair retainer.